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SUBJECT: PEKING MEDIA FEATURES PARTY CONTROL IN DONCUT
OF ANTI-LIN PIAO ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN

1. OVER THE PAST WEEK PEKING TELEVISION BROADCASTS HAVE OPENED WITH CLIPS COVERING CONDUCT OF ANTI-LIN PIAO ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN IN VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND ENTERPRISES, NOTABLY IN PEKING UNIVERSITY AND IN UNIT OF PLA NAVY. IN FORMER CASE, TV CLIP (REPEATED FOR SEVERAL NIGHTS RUNNING) FEATURED CRITICISMS OF LIN AND CONFUCIUS BY TEACHERS AND WORKER-PEASANT-SOLDIER STUDENTS SITTING AROUND TABLE IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE SCHOOL LIBRARY IN MEETING CHAIRED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF PARTY BRANCH COMMITTEE. COMMITTEEMEN OBVIOUSLY EXERCISING LEADERSHIP OVER MEETING. SIMILAR SITUATION NOTED IN COVERAGE OF CAMPAIGN IN NAVY UNIT, IN WHICH PARTY BRANCH MEMBERS SHOWN LAYING OUT STUDY MATERIALS, HELPING TO DRAW UP BIG-CHARACTER POSTERS, AND PRESIDING OVER STUDY SESSION PARTICIPATED IN BY ALL MEMBERS OF UNIT. IN THIS TUDY ESSION NAVYMEN SITTING IN ROWS IN GOOD MILITARY ORDER, WITH ALL RAISING CLENCHED FISTS IN UNISION TO PUNCTUATE CRITICISMS OF LIN PIAO AND CONFUCIUS.

2. EMPHASIS ON PARTY CONTROL OVER CAMPAIGN TIES IN
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CLOSELY WITH THEME CONTAINED IN RED FLAG 1974 ISSUE NO.

2. LEAD EDITORIAL, ALSO CARRIED AS PEOPLE'S DAILY LEAD ITEM

FEB 6: "PARTY COMMITTEES AT ALL LEVELS MUST STRENGTHEN THEIR LEADERSHIP TO LEAD THE MASSES IN THE GREAT TASK OF EFFECTIVELY GRASPING ANTI-LIN ANTI-CONFUCIUS MATERIALS, AND LEADING CADRES MUST SET THE EXAMPLE. IT IS NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE DIRECTION OF THE STRUGGLE, TO HANDLE STRICTLY AND CORRECTLY THE TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF CONTRADICTIONS, TO PROMOTE AND STRENGTHEN THE UNITY OF THE BROAD MASSES IN THE MIDST OF ANTI-LIN AND ANTI-CONFUCIUS CRITICISM, TO GRASP REVOLUTION, TO PROMOTE PRODUCTION, TO PROMOTE WORK, AND TO PROMOTE PREPARATIONS FOR WAR."

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT INTENTION OF THOSE INITIATING ANTI-LIN ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN (CHAIRMAN MAO AND THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, ACCORDING TO FEB. 2 PEOPLE'S DAILY LEAD EDITORIAL) IS TO MAINTAIN FIRM PARTY CONTROL OVER THIS CAMPAIGN. DESPITE ITS MAGNITUDE, THE ORGANIZERS THUS FAR SEEM ABLE TO DO SO. CENTRAL CONTROL COULD WEAKEN, HOWEVER, IF THE THE CAMPAIGN BEGINS TO FOCUS ON INDIVIDUAL TARGES NOW IN THE POWER STRUCTURE.
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